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Dear Private Line Customer:

In early May you received notice regarding changes affecting private line circuits billed by Qwest, but where CenturyTel provides an underlying portion of the facilities making up those circuits. Qwest has been authorized by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to withdraw from being the carrier with total responsibility for these circuits. As a result, customers continuing to purchase these circuits will begin receiving one bill from Qwest and another bill from CenturyTel for the portions of the circuit that each company provides.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the rates that CenturyTel proposes to charge for the portion of the circuit that it provides. The proposed rates that were earlier noticed to you have been withdrawn and replaced by a proposal CenturyTel filed with the Commission on July 21, 2006. The new rates proposed by Century Tel, if approved by the Commission, would go into effect September 1, at which time customers would begin receiving separate bills from Qwest and CenturyTel for these circuits.

The attached rate sheet provides examples of some of the rates that CenturyTel proposes to charge and compares them to the rates billed by Qwest. A complete copy of the filing can be viewed at: http://www.wutc.wa.gov/RMS2.nsf/vw2005OpenDocket/19A99CC1762849B8882571B20080E41F.

Unless you decide to cancel service for your existing circuits, there will be no interruption of service under the current serving arrangements as a result of the changes described above. You will simply begin receiving two bills following the effective date of the filing, one from Qwest and one from CenturyTel. Note that both bills must be paid to continue receiving service under the existing arrangement. Of course you are always free to pursue alternatives to the existing arrangement.

If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, please call CenturyTel at 1-866-689-2313. If you would like to comment on this filing, be added to the Commission's mailing list, or have questions about the process, please use the contact information below. You may also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the UTC web site, at http://www.wutc.wa.gov.

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